

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Welty's Church of the Brethren Inventory Number: WA-IV-008  
Address: Welty Church Road City: Smithsburg Zip Code: 21783  
County: Washington USGS Topographic Map: Smithsburg, MD-PA  
Owner: Welty's Church of the Brethren Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: 167 Tax Map Number: 27 Tax Account ID Number: 14-016945  
Project: Ringgold Wireless Facility Agency: FCC  
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

*If the property is within a district*

District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form completed by Paula Stoner (1978).

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This property is a religious building (church) located east of the intersection of Welty's Church Road and Rowe Road on the north side of Rowe Road. Welty's Church of the Brethren is a one-story building constructed on a coursed rubble foundation. The rectangular building is constructed of brick, laid in a common bond. The building's original block is a 2x6 bay building with its long axis oriented north-south. There have been several additions to the original block, including a one-story corner tower entrance at the southeast corner of the original block, a one-story education building (constructed in 1966) on the building's east side, and a 1.5-story frame building attached to the church's north façade. The original block has segmental arch window heads and the windows are 4/4 double-hung sash. The front gable roof is clad by composition shingles.

The original 1978 MIHP form indicated that this historic property was built in 1836 and rebuilt in 1898. This property retains no evidence of the original 1836 building and the integrity of the 1898 building has been compromised by additions and alterations to the building fabric, including the placement of a large cross on a perma-stone veneer in the southern façade. This property does not appear to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein, Ph.D.

Date Prepared: July 2002

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Paula Stoner  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

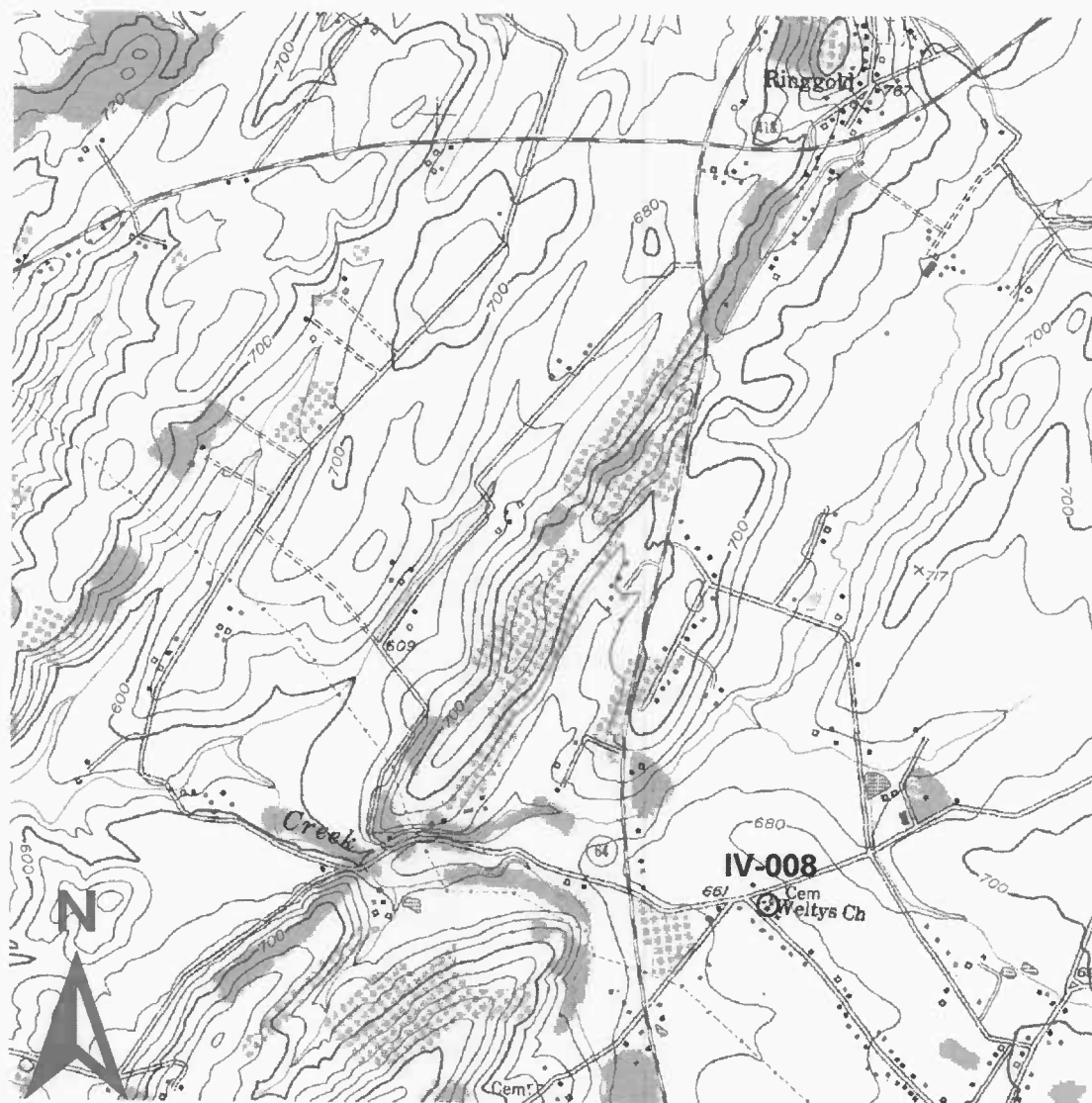
Reviewer, NR Program

7/22/02

Date

8/9/02

Date



Smithsburg, MD-PA Quadrangle



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Welty's Church  
Washington Co., MD  
D.S. Rotenstein

July 2002

MD SHPO

Church building, view  
to SE

#1/3



WA-0-008  
Welly's Church  
Washington Co., MD  
D S Rotenstein  
July 2002  
MDSMPO  
Education Building,  
View to NE

#2/3



WA-IX-008  
Welley's Church  
Washington Co., MD  
D.S. Rotenstein  
July 2002  
MD SHPO

Frame addition (R)  
and education  
building (L) in rear  
(east) of church. View  
to west

#313



MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-IV-008  
District 14  
Map 27  
Parcel 167  
MAGI # 2211005708

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Welty's Church of the Brethren

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Welty Church Road

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Ringgold

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☒ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Welty's Church of the Brethren

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 3

CITY, TOWN

Smithsburg

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21783

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 280

Folio #: 403

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

WA-IV-008

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This church building is a one story, six bay brick structure with a modern brick addition. Its walls are built with common bonding at all elevations. Above the windows are segmental arches of upright bricks. A tablet in the wall indicates that the church was built in 1836 and rebuilt in 1898. No exterior architectural evidence remains of the 1836 structure.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

WA-III-008

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	Built 1836	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
	Rebuilt 1898	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In excellent condition, this brick church building is representative of many rural churches in Washington County built by the Germanic religious sects. It shows typical turn of the century construction features.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Associates

DATE

July 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

109 West Main Street, Box 202

TELEPHONE

301-432-5466

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

STATE

Maryland 21782

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

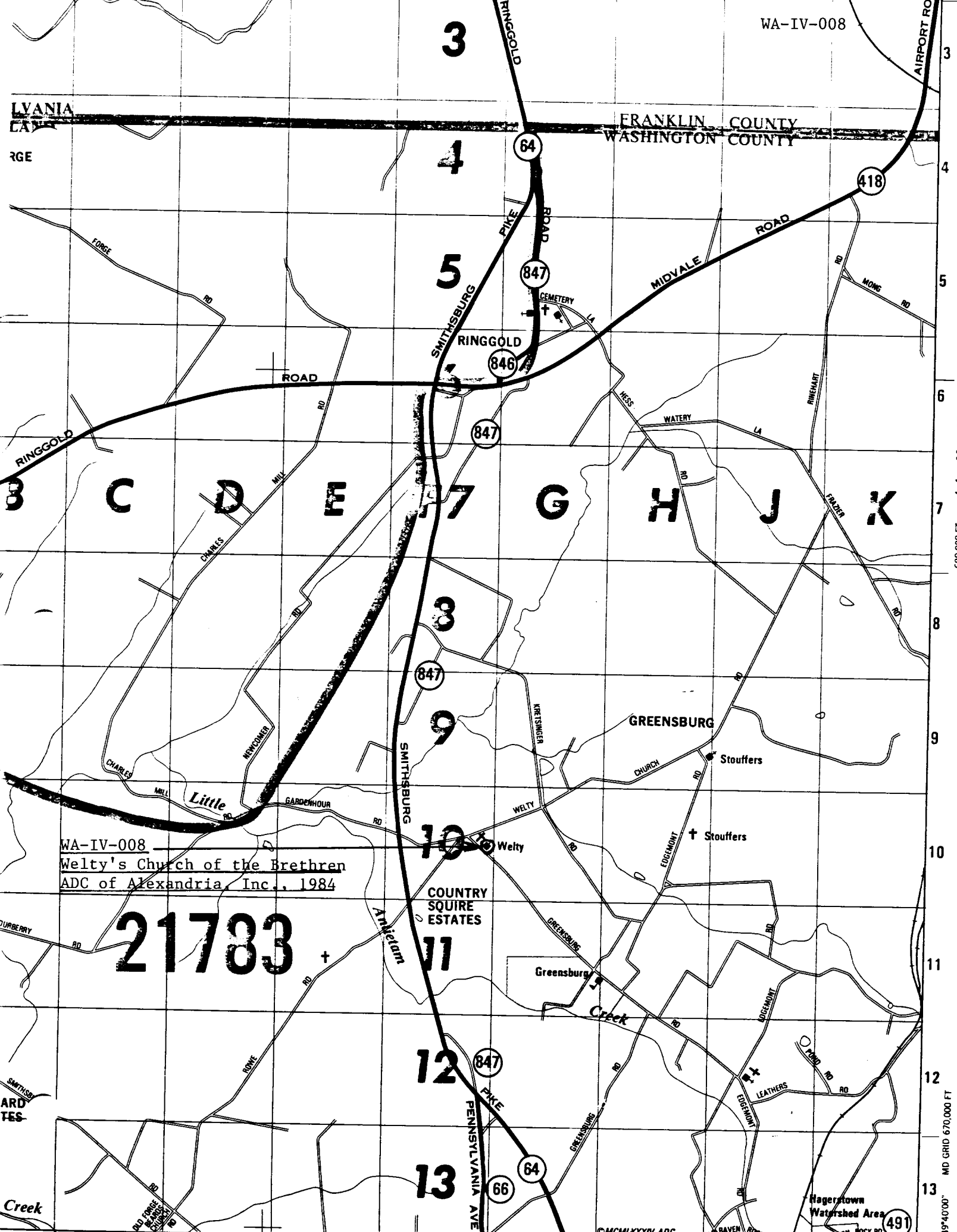
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



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CAMPA

RGE

FRANKLIN COUNTY  
WASHINGTON COUNTY



WA-IV-008

Welty's Church of the Brethren  
ADC of Alexandria, Inc., 1984

21783

COUNTRY  
SQUIRE  
ESTATES

Hagerstown  
Watershed Area  
(491)

800-II VM

WA I 161

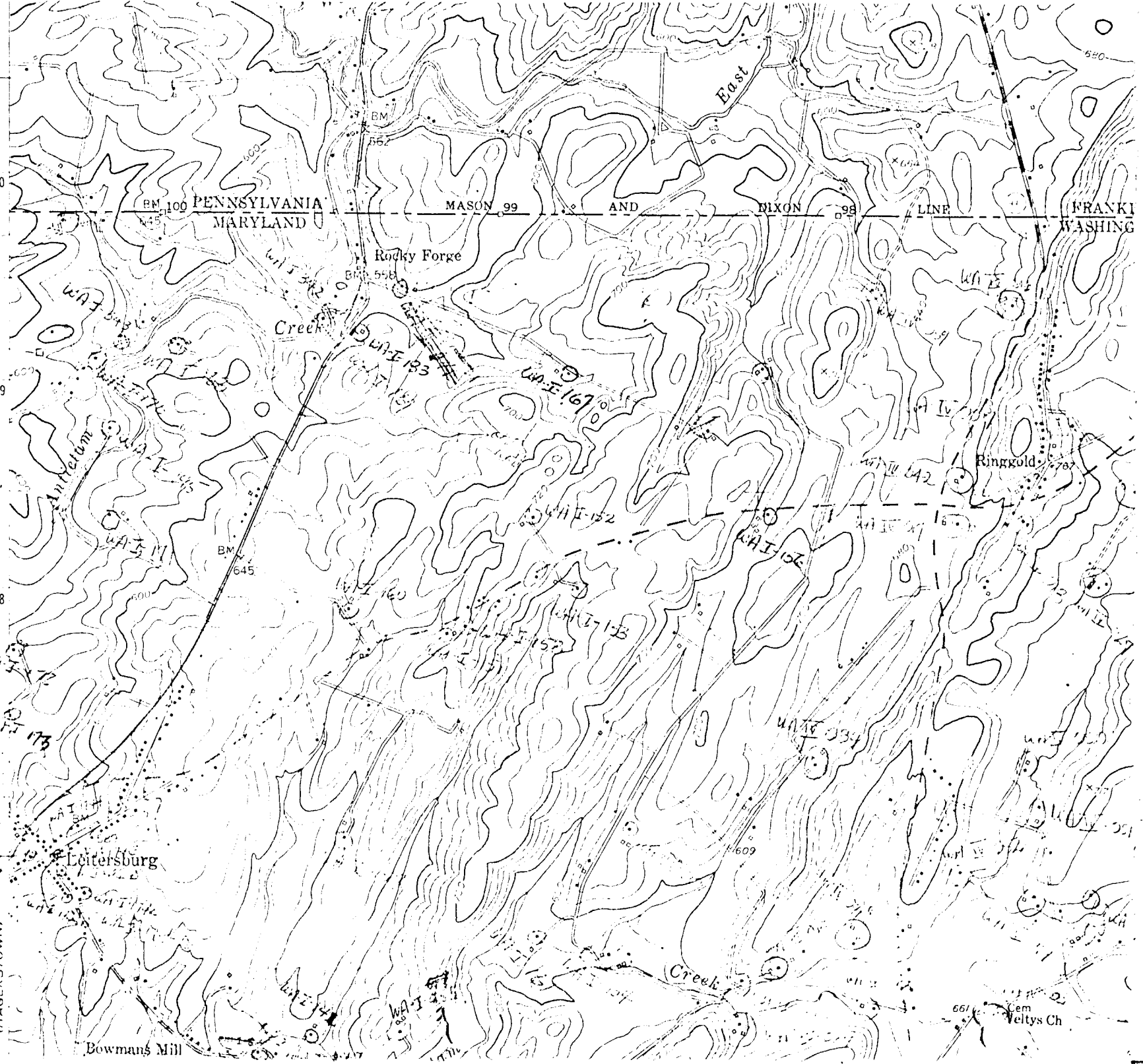
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Lithium

42°30"

Smithsburg  
quad

WA I 174  
WA I 174 A

5000 ft NW  
(HAGERSTOWN)



Bowmans Mill

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Cem  
Velty's Ch

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Ringgold

Blue Mountain

Stouffers Ch

Stouffers Cem

Welty's Ch

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Nov. 1976

Welty's Church of the Brethren

Welty's Church Road

Ringgold Vicinity

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